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SUBJECT: "Inability" of GOI to Prosecute Vandals					

A report of police investigations into demonstrations in Surabaya in February, some of which resulted in considerable damage to official US property (reference Despatches), is enclosed in five copies and indicates the unlikelihood of any significant punishment being meted out to participants in activities thought to have the tacit approval of the Government. After listing names, ages and addresses of Indonesian young people reported to have taken part in seven separate demonstrations February 16, the document concludes with the statement that, since no persons could be found to serve as witnesses, those who took part in the vandalism could not be prosecuted. Since it must be assumed that there were in fact some witnesses to some of the incidents, the statement above suggests the following conclusions: a) the police were apparently unwilling or perhaps unable to carry out a thorough investigation; b) information obtained as a result of police investigations of such events is not likely to be used as the basis of a prosecution; and c) those who witnessed the events were unwilling to offer themselves as witnesses against the perpetrators, if not out of fear of reprisals then out of distaste for the trouble involved.

For the Ambassador:

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Police report

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(1). Herewith we inform you that on February 16th 1962 at about 20.15 there were simultaneous actions of destroying goods at the offices and homes of the Consular Corps of the United States and Japan, e.g. at the following places:

a. At the house of the Japanese Consul at 128 Djl. Raya Darmo. It was visited by about 30 persons, who caused damage to the glass of doors and windows by throwing stones at them. The damage has been estimated at about Rp 2,500. The event occurred very quickly and lasted only about 5 minutes. After doing the above damage they went away. Among those suspected of having committed the above actions, there were Kamil, the leader, living at Djl. Tjipunagara. He was assisted by:

1. Efendi, age 26, residence Wonotjolo,
2. Anwar, age 36, residence Sepandjang,
3. Moch. Sjafi'i, age 26, residence Gununggari,
4. Soeprijadi, age 23, residence Gang Kutai 5,
5. Soebandi, age 25, residence Gang Kutai 2.

b. The office of the Japanese Consul at 93 Djl. Sumatra. It was visited by about 30 persons. They did not cause damage to windows or doors, but they tried to cause fire at the building. They had made preparation for it by pouring benzine at the front door, that caused a small fire on the door, but they left it. When they left, the guard directly extinguished the fire, so that a large fire could be prevented. Also, they smeared the walls of the office; some of the paintings say among others: "Japan must not assist the Dutch", "We warn you, do not assist the Dutch". The damage has been estimated about Rp. 2,500. Those who committed the vandalism, were among others Amir, leader, living in the Ambengan area. He was assisted by:

1. Ngatmo, age 31, residence Gubeng Kaburan, Gang IV,
2. Soebani, age 26, residence Gubeng Kaburan, Gang II,
3. Samsoen, age 18, residence Gubeng Samah, Gang V,
4. Soepari, age 28, residence Kedungroko, Gang II,
5. Sarip, age 20, residence Kedungroko,
6. Sarimin, age 26, residence Kedungroko,
7. Soekajat, age 18, residence Gubeng Kaburan, Gang II.

c. Residence of the Consul of the United States, 56 Djl. Untung Suropati, Surabaya. It was visited by about 30 persons, who threw stones at the glass of the windows and doors. Besides they intended to burn the motorcar of the American Consul, a Chevrolet Sedan 61, that was then in the garage. After having broken the window of the car, they poured benzine in the car and lighted the benzine there. Before the benzine caught the fire, they left the car behind, so that the guards succeeded to extinguish the fire. The damage there has been estimated at about Rp. 75,000. In this case the leader of the group was Abd. Kamid; he was assisted by:

1. Prijadi, age 26, residence Dinojo, Gang III,
2. Slamet, age 27, residence Kalibokor, Gang IV,
3. Anwar, age 26, residence Kalibokor,
4. Widjaja, age 18, residence Patjangan,
5. Soewandi, age 24, residence Kalibokor, Gang III,
6. Moen, age 31, residence Kalibokor, Gang II,
7. P. Siroen, age 22, residence Patjarkeling, Gang IV.

d. House of the Vice Consul, 32 Djl. Opak, Surabaya. It was visited by about 20 persons who threw stones at the glass of the doors and windows. The damage has been estimated about Rp. 1,000. In this case leader of the group was Moeljono; he was assisted by:

1. Salim, age 28, residence Pakis,
2. Jatsun, age 28, residence Kembangring,
3. Kadir, age 26, residence Kembangring,
4. Soejadi, age 20, residence Kembangring,
5. Gani, age 32, residence Pakis,
6. S. Parto, age 30, residence Wonotjolo,
7. Soedarmo, age 32, residence Wonotjolo.

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c. U.S.I.S. at D.J.I. Pasada, Surabaya. It was visited by about 30 persons. They caused damage to the neon-lights and publication-boards. Besides they also pulled down the tables and the chairs there and threw some of the furniture outside the office. They also put placards on the walls. These placards said among other things: "Reject R. Kennedy", "U.S., be careful, do not assist the Dutch". The damage there has been estimated about Rp 3000. Among those who are suspected taking part in the destroyings are:

1. Pratiwo, Sura Drogdog Perak (charged by Darus),
2. Soewadi, Drogdog, age 25, residence Gubunglinggiringan,
3. S. Niswara, trader, age 20, residence Patjasehiling,
4. Werdajo, IRTA, age 25, residence Gubunglinggiringan,
5. Achadi, age 15, residence Ngaglik Sura Sura.

f. House of the Secretary of the American Consul, 100 D.J.I. Nipengure, Surabaya. Also by throwing stones at glass of doors and windows they caused damage of about Rp. 2,500. In this case the leader of the group was Suroji. He was assisted by:

1. Gunan, age 16, residence Kembanglinggiring,
2. Achuliah, age 10, residence Kembanglinggiring,
3. Soewarto, age 20, residence Gubunglinggiring,
4. Alim, age 10, residence Kalisari,
5. Soewi, age 11, residence Kalisari.

g. House of the American Agriculture Market, 15 D.J.I. Nipengure, Surabaya. Also by throwing stones at doors and windows they caused damage of about Rp. 1,500. In this case the leader of the group was Suroji. He was assisted by:

1. Alim, age 15, residence Kembanglinggiring,
2. Soewi, age 10, residence Kembanglinggiring,
3. Soewi, age 10, residence Kembanglinggiring, Group IV,
4. Soewi, age 10, residence Kembanglinggiring,
5. Soewi, age 11, residence Kembanglinggiring,
6. Soewi, age 10, residence Kembanglinggiring, Group II.

(2). The relations between these events are as follows:

- a. Actually they planned to carry out these actions since February 12, 1967, at the framework of the action in Surabaya. But preventive measures were taken, by stationing guards and movement at the above mentioned places so that the planned actions were prevented.
- b. In connection with the failure of the actions after that they tried to carry it out, but failed again, because the police quickly had taken the required measures by stationing guards there.
- c. They also tried to carry out these actions at the premises of the American Consulate, but the police had taken preventive measures by stationing guards there.

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- h. The four persons, who were arrested by the O.P.M. in front of the house of the Japanese Consul, because they tried to escape when the jeep of the O.P.M. arrived there, were released from detention, for owing to the examination they had not any business with the affair. They were:
1. Soejitno, age 36, civil employee of KKO, address Wonokromo Gang 83 No. 7, Surabaya;
  2. Soedjono, age 43, laborer at Koperaai Melajam, address Pulomonokromo No. 356, Surabaya;
  3. Soekari, age 20, batjah mechanic, address Djl. Majangkara block C;
  4. Said Kartono, age 41, member of INRI, address Wonokromo Gang 8/64, Surabaya.
- i. Jeep L15628 that was seen "dropping" two persons in front of the American Consulate on February 17, 1962 in the morning, appeared to be the Jeep of the Municipal Information Service. The two persons who were dropped there were officials of the Information Service to take a look at the condition of the places where the destruction took place the evening before.
- j. The coffee vendor who sells coffee in front of the house of the American Vice Consul at 30 Djl. Opak, Surabaya, during the questioning could not give information about who committed the vandalism; he could only tell that he saw a number of young men driving bicycles to and fro on Djl. Opak.
- k. The servant of the house at 2 Djl. Djawono, who was standing at Djl. Djawono at the moment the young men were in the house of the Japanese Consul at Djl. Raya Darmas saw only the vandalism at the house of the Japanese Consul, but he did not know who committed it.
- l. None of the residents of the houses in front of the residence of the American Consul at Djl. Untung Surapati, were outside their home when the vandalism there occurred, so that they did not know who committed it.
- m. The examination of Moeh. Said and Said, both living at the buildings of the Zoo, (owing to information gained two days before the affair occurred that they held a meeting there to talk about preparations for demonstrations) appeared not to have any results, so that they were released from their detention.
- (3). Taking into consideration that in this case we are not able to get persons to be used as witnesses in the case of the vandals there are no grounds to prosecute those, who according to our investigations have taken part in the vandalism.

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